



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: BURN RATE ENHANCEMENT VIA
METAL AMINOTETRAZOLE
HYDROXIDES

Customer No.: 45483

Group No.: 1793

Examiner:
Aileen Baker Felton

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This application has been reconsidered carefully in light of the Office Action dated as mailed on 11 February 2009 ("Office Action"). This response is accompanied by a document entitled "**DECLARATION OF DR. IVAN V. MENDENHALL**" setting forth either or both further facts and/or objective evidence in support of the patentability of the pending claims over the prior art of record. A careful reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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